

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part wherein said strand is interrupted and welded together, wherein the elongation at rupture of said strand at said weld part is at least 30% of the elongation at rupture of said strand away from said weld part.
2. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the force of rupture of said strand at said weld part is more than 30% of the force at rupture of said strand away from said weld part.
3. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the diameter at the weld part is less than 1.2 times the optical strand diameter of said strand away from said weld part.
4. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, at least one of said metal strands is not welded.
5. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, only one metal strand is welded.
6. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 5, wherein said metal cord comprises a welded part with a welded part length, wherein the other of the said at least two strands is not welded in said welded part, wherein said welded part is at least 2.5 times a lay length of said metal cord.
7. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein an optical cord diameter of said metal cord is less than 14mm.
8. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 7, wherein the optical cord diameter of said metal cord is less than 2.5mm.

9. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein an optical strand diameter of said metal strands is less than 5mm.
10. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 9, wherein the optical strand diameter of said metal strands is less than 0.9mm.
11. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a diameter of said filaments is smaller than 1.15mm.
12. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 11, wherein the diameter of said filaments is smaller than 0.25mm.
13. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein said metal cord is a steel cord.
14. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the force at rupture of said metal cord in said weld part is at least 50% of the force at rupture of said metal cord away from said weld part.
15. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the elongation at rupture of said metal cord in said weld part is at least 80% of the elongation at rupture of said metal cord away from said weld part.
16. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
17. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is an [[An]] elevator belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
18. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a [[A]] timing belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.
19. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a [[A]] hoisting cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.

20. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a [[A]] reinforced rubber belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.

21. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a [[A]] hoisting belt, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.

22. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a [[A]] control cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.

23. (Currently Amended) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a [[A]] window elevator cable, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.

24. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein all filaments of the interrupted strand in the weld part are interrupted filaments that are welded together.

25. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the weld part comprises two strand ends that have been welded together.

26. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 25, wherein the two strand ends are welded face to face.

27. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than a lay length of said strand away from said weld part.

28. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 75% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.

29. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 65% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.

30. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of said strand in said weld part is less than 50% of the lay length of said strand away from said weld part.